

# State Suspends Professional License of a Wilmington Nurse

DOVER – Secretary of State Jeffrey Bullock has ordered the temporary suspension of the Delaware nursing license of Andrea M. Nopper of Wilmington following complaints of the licensee engaging in activities that present a clear and immediate danger to the public health, safety or welfare.

In making his determination, Secretary Bullock considered the written complaints filed by the Board of Nursing for temporary suspension of the professional license of Nopper.

Nopper was arrested and charged last May with two misdemeanor counts of possession or consumption of a prescription drug, one misdemeanor count of possession or control of a counterfeit substances, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia, and one misdemeanor count of offensive touching after admitting to arresting officers that she had been using heroin and cocaine intravenously.

The Delaware Code Titles 23 and 24 were amended on April 15 to enable a temporary suspension pending a hearing to be issued upon the written order of the Secretary of State with the concurrence of the Board chair if the activity of the licensee presents a clear and immediate danger to the public health.

As a result of the actions taken today, the suspensions of Nopper will remain in effect for a period of 60 days during which time disciplinary hearings will be held to determine the final disposition for the nurse.

The licensure status of Nopper has been updated on the Division of Professional Regulation's [online license verification service](#). A copy of the signed public order suspending the license of Andrea M. Nopper is attached.

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